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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Y. KANEDA, et al

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For: METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STORAGE REGIONS AND
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE METHOD BASED ON HINTS,
STORAGE DEVICE AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 18, 2005

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.